telephone booths at railway stations, inter-state bus terminals and other big terminals; and

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard and if so, the action taken therein?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. The coin operated public telephone booths in Delhi and other metropolitan cities are generally working satisfactorily.

(b) The public Telephone Booths installed at Railway Stations, Inter-state bus terminals and other important public places like air ports, Hospitals/Educational institutions etc. are being regularly checked by the field staff to keep them in working order. In addition, a number of attended type telephone booths have also been opened in such places in order to provide additional facilities to the travellers and other users.

(c) For proper functioning of coin operated public phones, regular checking is carried out from telephone exchanges. Faults, if any, are attended promptly as and when noticed.

[English]

Military Technical Cooperation between India and Russia

698. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his visit to Russia, both the countries decided to set up a joint working group on military technical co-operation;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the joint working group;

(c) whether any meeting of the joint working group has since been held so far; and

(d) if so, the details of the discussion held in the said meeting?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) A Joint Working Group on Military-Technical Co-operation between India and Russia was set up in December, 1994 and not during the visit of Raksha Mantri to Russia from October 6-10, 1997. This Group is co-chaired by the Defence Secretary from the Indian side and consists of senior officers from the Department of Defence, Defence Production & Supplies, Defence Research & Development and the three Services Headquarters. So far three meetings of the Joint Group have been held both in India and Russia. During the meetings of the Joint Group the progress of the implementation of the Long Term Programme of Military-Technical Co-operation between the two countries is reviewed, apart from discussions on other matters of mutual interest to the two sides.

Total Literacy Campaign

699. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the districts covered under total literacy campaign, State-wise; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for each district in 8th Plan period and plan outlay for the 9th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) A statement is given at Annexure. The Ninth Plan outlay approved for the scheme is Rs. 450.00 crores.

Statement

Districts Covered Under Total Literacy Campaigns During Eighth Five-Year Plan

Sl. No.	State/ District	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh		
1.	Mahbubnagar Ph. II	238.00
2.	Medak	201.00
3.	Warangal	256.66
4.	Rangareddy	73.00
5.	Vizianagram	225.00
6.	East Godavari	320.00
7.	Adilabad	274.00
8.	Pakasham	205.00
9.	Krishna	195.00
10.	Ananthapur	190.00
11.	Guntur	195.00
Assam		
12.	Jorhat	65.00
13.	Tinsukia	72.00
14.	Sibsagar	45.66
15.	Kokrajhar	120.95
16.	Sonitpur	141.45